

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A webbing retractor is provided that includes a retracting shaft for retracting a webbing belt for restraining an occupant; a lock mechanism having a lock gear with ratchet teeth and a lock plate engageable with the ratchet teeth of the lock gear; a force limiter mechanism formed from a torsion bar having one end portion coupled to the retracting shaft, and a pretensioner mechanism which includes a sleeve coupled to the other end portion of the torsion bar, and which is structured to be able to forcibly rotate the retracting shaft in a webbing retracting direction via the sleeve. The sleeve of the pretensioner mechanism is provided integrally at an axial center portion of the lock gear of the lock mechanism, thereby obviating the need for a separate sleeve and separate lock gear. ~~Additionally, the inner peripheral face of the sleeve may be knurled such that a rotating force transferring member for transferring rotating force to the sleeve may be engaged with the sleeve without the need for an additional engaging member. Therefore, the number of parts of the webbing retractor is reduced and the retractor may be made smaller.~~